

**Rumson Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of September 18, 2014**  
**Charles S. Callman Courthouse Conference Room**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

**Roll Call:** Present: Planning Board Liaison Thomas Clark, Mr. James Fitzmaurice, Mr. Ross Millhiser, Chairman Charles Shay, Councilwoman Laura Atwell

Absent: Mr. Steven Peterson, Mrs. Roberta Van Anda

The Chairman declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2014 to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

**Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2014**

The approval of the minutes of the August 24, 2014 meeting was deferred to the October 16, 2014 meeting.

**Old Business**

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Shay moved that we begin discussions on the Sub-Committee Reports categories.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Historic Property Catalogue**

Mr. Fitzmaurice provided the Evaluation Criteria of the National Park Service National Register of Historic Places and a condensed version to the Commission for discussion in order to finalize the process used to come to a definition of "historically significant" in the evaluation of properties by the Historic Preservation Commission. After a discussion, Mr. Fitzmaurice moved that the Commission adopt the Evaluation Criteria of the National Park Service National Register of Historic Places as the basis for the criteria to be used by the Commission in its evaluation of properties. The motion was seconded by Mr. Millhiser and unanimously approved by the Commission.

The Evaluation Criteria of the National Park Service National Register of Historic Places will be posted on the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) website to allow residents to understand the criteria that was used to determine “historical significance”. The Commission noted that it may be required to revisit the “historically significant” designation of properties from time to time.

The current list of Rumson homes that are being evaluated is approximately four hundred (400). Mr. Fitzmaurice and Mr. Peterson have been able to evaluate approximately one hundred sixty-five (165) properties to date. The goal for the completion of the evaluation is scheduled for mid-January 2015 or possibly December 2014 depending on availability of additional resources to assist in the evaluation.

Mr. Fitzmaurice agreed to contact several architectural resources to determine if additional volunteers would be available to assist in the project.

### **Historic Preservation Commission Website**

Mr. Fitzmaurice reported that there are approximately one hundred sixty-five completed evaluations. Because of the subjective nature of the “historically significant” determination used, the Borough attorney will review all documents to be posted to the HPC website and determine if any disclaimers or terms and conditions are required and if so, will provide the Committee with these requirements. Legal review will take place at the completion of the project and after Borough Council approval.

### **Communication with Council and Board**

Mr. Clark reported that he has been receiving the Zoning Board of Adjustments agendas for review and reported that 27 N. Ward Avenue will be demolished to allow for a new home to be built.

Mr. Clark reported that at the September Planning Board meeting an application was heard for the subdivision of 138 Bingham Avenue, the property known as “Linden Hill”. The original home on this property was built in 1904 and has had numerous renovations and is currently on the HPC list of homes in Rumson that are over one hundred years old.

The attorney for the estate has proposed that the property, which is approximately eight (8) acres be subdivided into two lots. The proposal would subdivide the property using a flag lot approach to allow the property in the rear to be sold and accessed from a driveway off of Bingham Avenue. A deed

restriction was discussed at the meeting so that the property could not be further subdivided. Application will continue to the October Planning Board meeting for further discussion.

### **Minutes and Agenda to Website**

The August 2014 and September 2014 Meeting Minutes and Agendas will be sent to the website for posting upon Mrs. Roberta Van Anda's return.

### **State Historic Preservation Commission**

There was no report because there have been no events that required the presence of our representative.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday **October 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM.**

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM by a motion by Mr. Fitzmaurice seconded by Mr. Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Atwell for

Roberta H. Van Anda, Secretary

